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Letter to the editors

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Dear Sirs,

I read with special bitterness your story on Tenneco's expenditures of \$12 MILLIONS in bribes and payoffs of government officials around the world. I worked at Tenneco's Ducor grape ranch until 1973, when the company forced our union, the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO to go on strike. We were asking for a moderate \$2.35 an hour, but the company signed a quickie sweetheart contract with the Teamsters for 10¢ less. To save that lousy dime an hour, Tenneco was willing to destroy their workers' union and cause great suffering among their employees who had made them so rich. And then they go and lavish millions to corrupt the political process around the world. No wonder the Tennecos and the Gallos and other agribusiness giants want to kill California's new law which, for the first time, gave farm workers a few minimum rights of the democratic process. These companies hate to have to operate in a free and democratic system.

Bitterly,

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